

nursing home care. That is simply not right. The people are just as sick in North Platte, Nebraska, and you're forgetting the one main part of this bill and that is the extended outstate programs. May I explain that a little more. That is video. That nurse takes that over video television, she goes three to six hours and, incidentally, my fiscal note, I have asked the office to make it an extra amount. If some of the figures that they are using in there were true, we really wouldn't need the bill, but that's beside the point. We'll address that later. But this allows those two-year associate degree nurses to work, come in off of that farm at Dannebrog, Nebraska. She takes about 25 hours clinical and then 25 hours study and then upgrades it to a BSN. We are coming to BSNS, so it does help rural Nebraska and I will work with Senator Schellpeper any time I can and any other provisions. I think Senator Smith has a provision that will adopt an amendment for need. I'll give my time to her.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, here I am on Senator Nelson's speaker. I didn't intend to talk at this point in time but I will tell you that I am preparing an amendment to the bill which will make the bill become based on need, and so for that reason, I'd like to see if Senator Nelson would be willing to hold the bill and if the other folks will be willing to withdraw their IPP so that we can work on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Were you asking a question, first, of Senator Nelson? All right.

SENATOR NELSON: I guess I'll respond to it. I really don't even know whose time we are on now, but then, yes, I will certainly work with anyone...

PRESIDENT: We're on yours...

SENATOR NELSON: ...if the bill is not IPPed any way that...suggestions.

SENATOR SMITH: Could I...Senator Withem...

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, would you respond to Senator Smith's question?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes.